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MONTREAL OF US REP ICAO

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TAGS: EAIR, ICAO, UK, DA, IC
SUBJECT: UK PROPOSAL TO CHARGE MILITARY AIRCRAFT FOR USE
DEN/ICE FACILITIES

REF: STATE 33664

1. WE DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH DEPT OF TRADE (GREEN AND
LANGLEY) AND CAA OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR ICAO. GREEN
ASSURED US UK WILL NOT REPEAT NOT RAISE ISSUE OF CHARGING
MILITARY AIRCRAFT FOR UTILIZATION OF DEN/ICE FACILITIES
NOR WILL UK MAKE ANY PROPOSAL ON THIS ISSUE.

2. GREEN SAID UK HAD APPROACHED US ICAO REPRESENTATIVE
TO POINT OUT UK CONSIDERS IT INEVITABLE THAT ISSUE WILL
COME UP AT DEN/ICE III CONFERENCE PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF
FACT ISSUE HAS BEEN RAISED IN ICAO DOCUMENT DEN/ICE/3
WP-4 OF JANUARY 14, 1977. HE SAID UK CONSIDERS BASIS OF
PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY COSTS OF NAVIGATION FACILI-
TIES PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE BY US MILITARY TO CIVIL
USERS WAS BALANCED AGAINST COST OF CIVIL SYSTEM OF SER-
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MUCH OF THE MILITARY FACILITIES HAVE NOW BEEN WITH DRAWN
FROM SERVICE.

3. UK BELIEVES ISSUE OF CHARGES FOR MILITARY FLIGHTS IS
ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE RAISED BY IATA OBSERVER AND/OR
EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES. IF IT IS RAISED AND NO COMPROM-

ISE ARRANGEMENT CAN BE WORKED OUT, UK WILL BE OBLIGED TO SUPPORT PAYMENT BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN KEEPING WITH THEIR NATIONAL POLICY THAT SUCH CHARGES SHOULD BE PAID. GREEN POINTED OUT ALL MILITARY ISERS OF SHANWICK FACILITIES OTHER THAN US DO PAY USER CHARGES. THESE CHARGES ARE ALSO PAID FOR USAF AIRCRAFT BY UK MOD THUS MAINTAINING OVERALL UK POLICY.

4. THE BRITISH, GREEN SAID, WOULD PREFEGU THAT MILITARY AIRCRAFT NOT BE ASSESSED CHARGES. IF THEY ARE, UK AS SECOND LARGEST MILITARY USER OF DEN/ICE FACILITIES WILL HAVE TO BEGIN PAYING ALSO. IN UK CASE, SAVINGS IN PAYMENTS BY UK CIVIL USERS WOULD ABOUT BALANCE NEW COSTS FOR MILITARY FLIGHTS HE SAID. IN THIS REGARD, GREEN NOTED UK CANNOT SEE ANY BASIS FOR NEW BALANCING ARRANGEMENT FOR PAYMENTS BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT BUT WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER AND, IF POSSIBLE, SUPPORT ANY WORKABLE PLAN THE US MAY BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH.

5. GREEN RECOMMENDED THAT US PROVIDED OUTLINE OF ANY PLAN IT MAY DEVELOP TO UK DEPT OF TRADE AS WELL AS MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT BETWEEN MS. DILLON AND UK ICAO REP RUSSEL SO THAT US/UK EFFORTS MAY BE COORDINATED. ARMSTRONG

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